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Our Healthy Youngster

All down the Mornington Peninsular Soccer is taking a hold. In common with many other country centres, the Peninsular has had a resurgence of enthusiasm for the old "round ball." Further particulars of the P.S.A. will be found on page 4.

Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

Once again the pendulum swings and the football season is upon us. All the old favorites are with us again together with a host of new ones. Slowly but surely Soccer is spreading, and from far and wide the V.A.S.F.A. has received letters from enthusiasts anxious to start clubs in outlying centres. Sometimes these places are too remote for the possibility of a full competition, though not too far for city clubs to run picnic games. Such a club is Upper Yarra Dam S.C. whom Box Hill have already visited. Nearer home, however, and full of "sting" is the new Peninsular Soccer Association with its own competitions (Cup and League) and a starting roster of five clubs, of which details will be found elsewhere. Local interest is keener than ever and the course of J.U.S.T. (whose meteoric rise from Division 3 has been the sensation of two seasons) will be watched even more avidly now that the Jugo-slav team has reached Division I. J.U.S.T. and Juventus, promoted last year with J.U.S.T., have the honor of becoming the first "National" teams to play in the major League. Almost immediately State Trials will be commencing on Sundays at Olympic Park, for at last the great day is coming when Victoria will have a crack at N.S.W.

The first Australian Interstate Carnival to be held since the war, is expected to take place on Queen's Birthday. Although nothing is yet definite, it is expected that Victoria will stage this carnival, with N.S.W., Queensland, South Australia and Victoria participating. Such a carnival will put all States on their mettle, for at long last we shall have the opportunity to judge the true strengths of the various State sides and a better idea can be formed by the Australian selectors of players' capabilities for playing in an All-Australian side in 1953 when it is hoped that once again an overseas side will tour Australia.

During the off-season a great step has been taken in Junior football also, for at a meeting called in Melbourne by the V.A.J.S.F.A. an Australian Junior Soccer Association was formed with its headquarters in Melbourne. —a great credit to the organisers and a feather in Victoria's cap. For 1952 season the V.A.S.F.A. has been more fortunate than last year, for Olympic Park has been made available almost every Saturday (some weeks No. 1 oval and others No. 2), and also on many Sundays. The Sunday World Cup competition will once again be running and details will be published in Soccer News in due course.

So it is with confidence that we state that although this year we have not the visit of the English team to look forward to, yet the competition is so keen and the standard of football so improved that 1952 will undoubtedly be a big advance on 1951 and probably the grandest year of football that Victoria has ever experienced.

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The "Sporting" Press

By JOHN H. HAWKER

If no news is good news, as the proverb tells us, then all is well with Soccer. Just the same, we'd all like to be reassured now and again with a word in the daily and "sporting" Press. (We put the quotes around "sporting" because we're beginning to have our doubts!).

Especially in the few weeks leading up to the start of the season, those followers who are not closely connected with one or other of the clubs would like to read of the preparations for the opening of the season. For weeks past the Press has been boosting up the local game to the almost total exclusion of soccer, despite the fact that the first "Rules" matches are still a fortnight away, but very few of the thousands of soccer fans in this country have glimpsed more than a brief word or two in any sheet, daily or weekly, plain or pink.

Can it be that "they" are really scared of Soccer? Can it be that the knowledge that there are now more than fifty thousand soccer fans in Victoria has someone worried? Could it possibly be that, since the great success of Soccer last year and the failure of attempts to force the Australian Rules game on States that don't want it, the Press has been asked to soft-pedal on the round-ball code? We may be excused if we think, on the evidence, that "yes" is the answer to all these. Especially so when we recall that, now Melbourne has really made up its mind to hold the Olympic Games here, our code will receive another boost, on international scale, in four short years from now.

Up to twelve thousand people buy "Soccer News" and there's often insufficient to meet all demands at the bigger games. If we accept that on the average only four people see each copy, that still gives us 48,000 readers and there's plenty of folks interested who never see our paper at all

But forty to fifty thousand people is peanuts to the dailies with their three or four hundred thousand readers—a mere ten per cent. or so. Why cater for those poor few? They've got to buy the rag, anyway, for the news and ads., so "Drop that Soccer story, and let them read what they are told ! !"

What has happened to the Soccer correspondents of the various papers is a matter for conjecture, but we trust that they will soon emerge from their summer somnolence and slap a heap of copy before their respective editors, pointing out as they do so that in 1952, with more than a hundred soccer teams in the field in Victoria, soccer is so far receiving less news space than when during the war, there were but five active clubs.

In recent years we have brought to Victoria many thousands of immigrants from Great Britain and the soccer-playing countries of Europe. It is no part of their contracts or obligations that they shall turn to Australian Rules. Some have been happy to do so, and we do not begrudge or deny them the right to their free choice, but for those who would cling to the old love we ask an equal opportunity.

It is high time that Victorian Soccer received its fair share of Fair Play—or whatever else passes for that commodity in the language of the other daily and "sporting" papers.

The Peninsular Soccer Association

(Affiliated to the V.A.S.F.A.)

Formed at the initial meeting in Frankston on February 4, the Peninsular Soccer Association has quickly got under way. Soccer News, having been present at the formation, we can say that the P.S.A. lacks nothing for enthusiasm. Much of this enthusiasm has been aroused by the Secretary, Mr. P. Ims, and his Frankston Club, but that this Association was no one-man show was only too obvious when Mr. Brand (President) and his colleague from Rosebud, Mr. Mount, rose to speak at the general meeting, followed by Mr. Lockwood, of Mornington.

Grounds have been obtained and League fixtures are out. Later in the season a Cup competition will be played, for which a trophy has already been donated.

The P.S.A. has been getting a very good Press, both the local paper and Harry Hopman having given them considerable prominence.

The P.S.A. is looking for opportunities for expansion in the Peninsular area, and anyone with the ambition to start a soccer club should hasten to contact the Secretary of the P.S.A., Mr. P. IMS, 38 Cranbourne Road, Frankston.

There are openings also for players and non-players with all clubs in the Association the Secretaries of which are Mr. Ims (address above); Mr. V. E. Lockwood, 30 Queens Street, Mornington; and Mr. E. A. Mount, Pine Winds, Boneo Road, Rosebud.

First round fixtures are as follows:—

April 19

Balcombe A v. Frankston.
Mornington v. Rosebud.

April 26.

Rosebud v. Balcombe A.
Frankston v. Balcombe B.

May 3.

Rosebud v. Frankston.
Balcombe B. v. Mornington.

May 10.

Balcombe A. v. Rosebud.
Balcombe B. v. Frankston.

May 17.

Rosebud v. Balcombe B.
Frankston v. Mornington.

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Our New President

Mr. E. B. Coles

With the start of the 1952 Soccer Season, members will be greeting the new President of the V.A.S.F.A., Mr. E. B. Coles, a prominent Melbourne business man, who is well known and widely respected throughout the community.

Mr. Coles received his first introduction to Soccer in his school days, whilst he was attending Scotch College in Launceston, Tasmania, and during those days learned the principles of the grand game, which is today making such rapid strides throughout the State of Victoria.

Our President was born in the small country town of St. James, situated on the Benalla-Yarrawonga line, where his father, the late Mr. George Coles, conducted a general store, and like many other founders of great retail organisations, grew up in an atmosphere of store-keeping.

In 1912 his father moved to Tasmania and bought the general store in the small town of Wilmot, 26 miles inland from Devonport, and "E.B.," as he is usually referred to, attended Scotch College in Launceston.

Leaving school, he joined the staff of the Bank of New South Wales in Hobart, and after three and a half years with the Bank, during which time he obtained his accountancy degrees, he resigned his position to return to Victoria to work in the No. 1 Coles Store in Smith Street, Collingwood.

In 1921 he was appointed secretary of the company, a position which he held until 1933, when he was appointed to the board of Directors of the company.

In 1944, after 25 years' service with the Company, he was appointed to the position of managing director, which position he holds today, and there can be little doubt that the amazing growth of Coles Stores is in no small measure attributable to the industry and foresight of Mr. E. B. Coles.

He is at present fulfilling a second term as President of the Master Drapers' Association of Victoria, and is a Vice-President of the Taxpayers' Association of Victoria. He is also associated with Myttons Ltd., of which company he is chairman of directors.

Mr. Coles is a man of wide experience and has travelled extensively in the United States of America and England. During visits to England he never misses the Cup Final at Wembley.

His experience in the conduct of public affairs and his ability and tenacity to carry through to a successful conclusion, any job which he undertakes, stamps him as a forthright and forceful man, and one who will be invaluable to the Association in the office of President.

In private life he is kindly and courteous, with a keen sense of humor which enlivens any gathering at which he is present. His main form of relaxation is to enjoy as much sport and country life as his city activities will permit.

UPPER YARRA SOCCER

On Sunday, March 16, Box Hill visited Upper Yarra Dam, where they played the newly-formed club—Upper Yarra Dam Soccer Club. The result was a win for Box Hill by three goals to two, which was quite a promising start for the newcomers.

"Soccer News" was represented by photographer Frank Waghorn, who as usual was well to the fore with his camera. It is hoped that some of his shots of the game will later appear in "Soccer News."

As U.Y.D.S.C. were unable to gain admittance to the league for the coming season, they wish to hear from clubs interested in Sunday picnic games at Upper Yarra Dam. Upper Yarra Dam is a Board of Works project, situated about 65 miles from Melbourne, 17 miles east of Warburton.

All clubs interested should write to the Secretary, T. Davis, 18 Banksia Street, Upper Yarra Dam. First-hand information could also be got from Box Hill's Secretary, K. Martin, 1 Peter Street, Box Hill. Help foster our game by visiting Upper Yarra Dam, and have a real good day in doing so.

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By REX BENSON

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GREEK TROUBLES

Newcomer this year is strong Greek club "Apollo," who gave Hakoah a hard game at Yarra Park on Sunday week, until they lost their centre-forward with a serious leg dislocation. Bad luck for a fine player and a fine club.

POSSIBILITY OF DOUBLE

Main interest of the present English season is whether Newcastle can repeat their Cup win of last year, or Arsenal perform the double of both Cup and League Championship. Since the present Cup was awarded, neither feat has been accomplished.

U.S.A. TEAM IN SCOTLAND

The visit of the U.S.A. team to play Scotland at Soccer is a big fillip to the game in the States, who have not forgotten their defeat of England in the World Championship series at Rio.

HAKOAH HAUL

The Jewish Club are confident they have the strongest team they have ever fielded this year. Top success of their talent scouts was the signing of Roubel Pechout and Caldarevich, stars of last season's J.U.S.T. Cup and League Second Division winning team.

PICCOLO PETE

Despite its universal use, the referee is not bound to use a whistle.

NEW ZEALAND PREPARES

New Zealand has already stated that she is sending a Soccer team to compete in the Olympic Games somewhere in Melbourne in 1956.

JOYFUL J.U.S.T.

Rumor has it that the Jugo Slavs will have the services of Vidjak (who toured with Jugo-Slavia three years ago) soon after the start of the season. At present playing in Morocco, Vidjak will fly to Melbourne with two top-secret, hush-hush players as soon as the Moroccan season ends.

NO TOUR THIS YEAR

An All-Australian Soccer Carnival this year will enable us to put our house in order before the next visit of a touring team. That Melbourne will obtain a proper quota of fixtures seems certain after the English tour.

FIRST DIVISION SWITCH

Tom Jack, up till recently, of Brighton, will play at centre-half for Box Hill this season. Stubbs, Box Hill's late centre-half, is reported to be transferring to Brighton.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Slovakia.—Ground and dressing rooms, No. 1 ground, West Melbourne recreation Reserve. Train from Flinders Street to South Kensington. Ground off Dynon Road.

Prahran.—The Hon. Secretary of Prahran S.C. is Mr. S. B. Owen, 16 Ashleigh Road, Armadale, S.E.3 (Mr. Paul having resigned). All club correspondence should be sent to Mr. Owen.

Slovakia.—The Hon. Secretary of Slovakia S.C. is Mr. Stefan Gimak, 394 Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne (Mr. Boehm having resigned). All club correspondence should be sent to Mr. Gimak.

Williamstown.—The Hon. Secretary of Williamstown is Mr. T. Ramsey, 123 Cecil Street, Williamstown (Mr. Hadland having resigned). All club correspondence shall be sent to Mr. Ramsey.

Telephoning of Results.—All results must be telephoned to the Secretary of the Association not later than 5.15 p.m. (Telephone: U 8347). Home clubs shall take the responsibility of giving the results. Any club failing to observe this rule shall be fined the sum of 15/- (Fifteen Shillings). Any club failing twice to telephone their result may be fined up to 40/- (Forty Shillings) for the second offience. Any club failing three times to telephone their result may be fined up to £5 (Five Pounds) for the third offence. During past seasons clubs have been requested to telephone their results to the Press. Under the new ruling whereby clubs must phone the Secretary there is now no obligation to telephone direct to the Press. The Secretary of the Association will forward your results to the Press.

Registration Forms and Team Sheets.—Under the League Rules every player is required to complete a Registration Form and each team must complete two Team Sheets for each match played. The forms may be obtained direct from the Assistant Secretary of the Association.

General Amnesty by the Council.—In view of the accession to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a general amnesty has been granted to all suspended and cautioned players in Victoria. All suspended players are therefore eligible to play in Victoria as from March 18, 1952. Cautioned players will have their cautions erased from the records.

Kick-Offs.—All matches shall commence not later than 2.45 p.m.

Olympic Park Fixtures.—Fixtures at Olympic Park have been drawn as follows:—

April 12.—Juventus v. J.U.S.T.
April 14.—Box Hill v. Brighton.
April 19.—J.U.S.T. v. Box Hill.
April 26.—Sunshine United v. J.U.S.T.

Club secretaries and supporters, please note.

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This may sound like "crying poverty," but one illustration alone will serve to enlighten the "Doubting Thomas." Two years ago soccer balls could be bought for £3. Now they are in the vicinity of £8 ! ! !

Similar increases have occurred in the price of all sporting gear and many clubs running Junior teams as well as Seniors are at their wits' end to make ends meet.

So, for 1952, make the big resolution. Open the pocket, let the moths out and cough-up Two Bob for the box. Of course, if you have any spare notes, your club will look after them for you, too.

STATE SELECTORS

State Trials

OLYMPIC PARK — MAY 4, 11, 18, 25; JUNE 1.

At the first meeting of the selectors for this year it was decided that the first Trial match would take place on Sunday, May 4. Players for that game would be notified in the previous week's Soccer News, i.e., April 26. Trial matches will continue until June 1 and players for all Trial matches will be given a week's notice in Soccer News. Any player not available is requested to please notify the Chairman of Selectors as soon as possible at FU 6225.

A. KERR, Chairman Selectors.

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On The Spot—KICKER OR KEEPER?

By REX BENSON

Penalty! A huge roar from the crowd, the referee points to the spot, and then the Stadium is hushed. In fact, never is the crowd so quiet as when the ball is placed on that little white mark 12 yards from goal. But if their blood is racing, what must be the qualms of the goalkeeper and the man entrusted with the kick? Whose is the worst task? Some would say the 'keeper, but many players would not agree. He is not expected to save the shot, but the kicker is expected to score. Give a good player a ball 12 yards from goal, and at practice he can be relied upon to hit it just inside the upright, nine times out of ten. Surround the pitch with a huge crowd, and there you have the difference, especially if the kick is a vital one.

Imagine this setting: A crowd of nearly 100,000 at the English Cup Final in 1938; normal time has expired; extra-time is being played; neither side has scored and the minutes have ticked by until only one is left as Mutch, of Preston North End, is dribbling through, only to be brought down by Young (the Huddersfield captain) just inside the fatal area. Referee Jewell points to the "spot." The Cup hinges on one kick. Before the game it has been decided that Mutch will take any penalty-kick that is awarded, but at the moment he is being attended to by Scott, the trainer. Will the shaking-up he has received put him off his aim? "Put your head down and crack it," Scott tells him, and while 93,000 watch, and millions listen, Mutch drives the ball against the underside of the bar, above the head of Hesford, the Huddersfield goalie (had he stayed still) and it rebounds into the net for the vital goal. Hesford had anticipated the ball going to his right, and had fallen that way. Otherwise he would most certainly have been able to punch it over the bar.

Throughout the years several changes have been made to the rules regarding the penalty-kick—all designed to bring a goal. The one framed in 1929 made the goalie stand still on the line. Previously he had been able to retreat to the back of the net, and run up as the kick was being taken, thus distracting the kicker. 1936 saw the latest change, that of keeping other players outside of a ten-yard arc. A newsreel of the 1922 Final, when Huddersfield beat Preston N.E. by the only goal (or penalty) shows the kicker running through a mass of players hugging the penalty-line.

Yet, with all these factors assisting the scoring, one kick in three fails. Nerves? Perhaps that's the reason!

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Attention All Players and Officials!

ALTERATIONS TO LAWS OF THE GAME

At the meeting of the International Board held in June, 1951, certain changes were made in the Laws of the Game which became operative as from July 25, 1951. This memorandum is issued for the guidance of both referees and players.

1. **Law 4—Relating to Football Boot Studs.—**
The new wording reads:—
" . . . studs shall be round in plan and not less than half-an-inch in diameter; combined studs and bars may be worn provided the whole conforms to the general requirements of this Law: neither bars nor studs on the soles or heels shall project more than three-quarters of an inch. Other than the small metal seating for the screw type of stud, no metal plates, even though covered with leather or rubber shall be worn."
This new wording amounts to the following:—
(i) The Law now gives permission for studs shaped as truncated cones to be used—provided that the diameter of the smallest circle is not less than half an inch.
(ii) The stud, or a combined bar and stud, may now protrude from the heel or sole of the boot to a maximum of three-quarters of an inch (previously half an inch).
(iii) Whilst the material used for studs must be either leather or rubber, there is now no objection to the use of screw-in studs—provided that the metal seating necessary for fastening the stud to the boot cannot do any harm and is set into and protected by the leather.
2. **Law 12, Section 2—Obstruction when not Playing the Ball.—**
By the introduction of a new clause and the re-numbering of other clauses, this section now reads:—
"2. A player committing any of the five following offences:—
(i) Playing in a manner considered by the referee to be dangerous, e.g., attempting to kick the ball while held by the goalkeeper.
(ii) Charging fairly, i.e., with the shoulder, when the ball is not within playing distance of the players concerned and they are definitely not trying to play it.
(iii) When not playing the ball, intentionally obstructiong an opponent, i.e., running between the opponent and the ball, or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent.
(iv) Charging the goalkeeper except when he
(a) is holding the ball;
(b) is obstructing an opponent;
(c) has passed outside his goal-area.
(v) When playing as goalkeeper, carrying the ball, i.e., taking more than four steps while holding the ball without bouncing it on the ground;
shall be penalised by the award of an indirect free kick to be taken by the opposing side from the place where the infringement occurred."

One can see how a new law such as this might lead to confusion as between obstruction which is natural to the game and obstruction which is deliberately executed. It would be seriously wrong if the new law were so applied as to prevent a player from playing a natural game. In the past

SNOWS *"for men who care what they wear"*

Attention All Players and Officials! (Continued)

British players have seldom been guilty of deliberate obstruction except in shielding the goalkeeper or in allowing the ball to run out of play, both acts having grown up and become established by tradition. Other than these the occasional deliberate offence has been easily recognised and penalised, presumably as ungentlemanly conduct.

In applying the new law therefore one must be careful of two important issues. First, to see that the character of the game is not altered by wrongly penalising obstruction which is natural to the game or which is unintentional. Secondly, to ensure that this new offence is in no sense used as a lenient alternative to any offence listed in Law 12, section 1. Any incident involving holding or pushing, if committed intentionally, must be punished by a direct free-kick, or by a penalty-kick if the offence is committed by a defender in the penalty area.

What Constitutes the Offence of Obstruction?

During any match, in the ordinary course of play, there are many occasions when a player will come between an opponent and the ball, but in the majority of such instances this is quite natural and fair. He is intent upon playing the ball and is entitled to make every legitimate move to obtain or retain possession of it. Provided that the ball is within playing distance the player may interpose his body between opponent and the ball in a feint to play at it and yet allow it to go to a colleague. This is again legitimate.

It is when the ball is **not** within playing distance of a player (say two or three yards) and when he is **not** making any attempt to play the ball that this new offence **may** occur. But it is strongly emphasised, the offence **must** be **intentional.** It is quite possible for a player when not playing the ball to be in the path of an opponent and yet not be guilty of intentionally obstructing.

Common sense of officials in interpreting the spirit of the game will help to differentiate between incidents of obstruction which are fair and those which are **intentionally unfair.**

5. **Law 12 (j)—Player Joining or Rejoining his Team After the Start of the game.—**

The only change was the substitution of the word "or" for the comma in the first sentence, making it read:

"A player shall be cautioned if—

(j) he joins his team after the game has commenced or returns to the field while the game is in progress without reporting to the referee or without waiting for a stoppage of the game. . . ."

Although no essential alteration has been made, referees are reminded that a player must wait for a stoppage of the game and report to the referee before either joining his team after play has commenced or returning to the field after injury.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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This new departure on our part was the result of a discussion last year concerning the possibility of keeping the lads together during the summer, and the experiment has proved most successful.

The side, which was registered as Heidelberg Soccer C.C., took part in the Heidelberg District Cricket Association League, and, on the whole, acquitted itself well, so that we shall be fielding a cricket team again next season.

We are particularly proud of the fact that on several occasions we were complimented by the League umpires on our turn-out, preparation of the wicket, etc., and we feel that the name of Soccer has gained prestige in the District.

In the meantime, King Soccer is nearly on us again, and all members are ready for the fray. We are pleased to welcome to the Club several new players who we are sure will prove a great asset.

In conclusion, we wish all clubs a good season and assure those in our Divisions (we are fielding two teams again this year) of a keen contest as we shall be in there trying "flat out."

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SOUTH YARRA

Players have been training hard the last few weeks under the eagle eyes of M. Payne and J. Hanna, who have been appointed to the position of playing coaches for the coming season, and judging from the results obtained so far, South Yarra will field some tough and solid teams. Many fresh faces have been seen at training; several stand out well, but will be kept as a surprise for whatever opposition Yarra come up against.

Yarra's First Reserves are determined to complete the hat-trick this year in winning the Reserve Cup, so all other clubs look out when you meet them. As usual, a strong committee is behind the club, with many willing workers, so that the work is not left to one or two, as so frequently happens in many clubs.

Soccer fever is in the air and all at South Yarra are eagerly awaiting the first game.

Wishing our little paper, Soccer News enlarged sales for the coming season.—W. E. BINYON.

ULSTERVILLE

In the colors of the newly-formed Ulsterville Club there is a Scot from Glasgow called Billy Campbell, and does he worry about travelling to Melbourne? Not. him. Last year he travelled all the season from Geelong, and he informed the club last Saturday at practice, that he was quite willing to travel from Eildon Weir, where he is now residing. We think Billy is a real sportsman and an example to the rest of the club members.

Prior to coming to Australia Billy played soccer at school, and while serving in the Royal Navy he played in the Services International, along with that great Scots International, Tommy Walker. After being demobbed from the Navy, Billy played a full season for the English Third Division team, Leyton Orient.

Ulsterville take this opportunity to congratulate him on his recent wedding and to wish both of them every happiness.

We look forward to another successful season, having secured several promising new arrivals from the Old Country. The club's training quarters at Yarraville have been well attended during the last few weeks. The boys have thoroughly enjoyed the P.T. classes organised by the Boys' Club. Meeting have been well attended and the Ladies' Committee held their first gathering last week and expect to get going with some bright ideas to raise money for the club.

In our first matches of the season our First Eleven travel to Polonia and our Reserve team play Polonia Reserves. We always get a hard match from the Poles and we hope the best teams win.—"RED HAND."

NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS

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Junior Association's Coaching Scheme

At a meeting of the Junior Association held recently, a wide discussion took place re the formation of a Sunday morning coaching class for Schoolboys and Juniors. It was rumored last year that several of our leading players here in Victoria would be willing to assist in such a scheme. If this is so, it would be very much appreciated by the Executive Committee of the Junior Association if these people would contact the Association Secretary (Mr. Olsen) as early as possible, so as an early start could be made. It is quite common knowledge that there are several schoolboy and junior teams in the metropolitan area who are entirely without a coach or coaching facilities, and with the establishment of an Association Coaching Class, these boys would be then given the same opportunity as the more fortunate clubs who are able to provide their own junior coaches. This scheme would also benefit players in the mid-week Technical and High School competitions, for quite a large number of these schools are without any teacher on the school staff who understands the rules of soccer.

Volunteer coaches are urgently called for. The classes will be held of a Sunday morning at Yarra Park. Volunteer coaches will be used on a roster system, so it will be seen that if a person volunteers as a coach, he will not necessarily be tied down every Sunday morning.

The Junior Association will welcome all inquiries. Please contact the Secretary, Mr. J. A. Olsen, 314 Inkerman Street, East St. Kilda, S.16 (Phone: LB 1444).

Letters to the Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,—I would be most grateful if you could find a small space for me to thank all clubs who generously contributed to Sunshine City Soccer Club's appeal on my behalf when I had the misfortune to break my leg last season, also to thank the Secretary and all members of the S.C.S.C. for everything they did for me.—Yours, etc., J. KEOGH.

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